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The reply filed on August 8, 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

The response fails to particularly point out where there is support for claims amendments of the response as required by the previous Office action; see the second full paragraph on page 5 of the Office action mailed May 4, 2005. See 37 CFR 1.111. Specifically, Applicant states:

At a minimum, amendments are supported in the specification and the drawings at least in Figures 1-5, 8-10, 17-21, and 23 and corresponding text. However, additional support may be found elsewhere in the specification and is not limited to the aforementioned figures and text.

Since support can be found anywhere in the specification, this statement is not considered sufficient in particularly pointing out where the claim amendments have support. At the minimum, the new claim language lacks antecedent basis from the remainder of the specification. See MPEP 608.01(o).

This letter also serves as a deference of the action that would have been taken by the Examiner were it not for the Request For Interview. Procedurally, it is not customary to have an interview while an action is due by the Examiner after a response by Applicant has been filed. This is due to the fact that many times, interviews result in a decision to amend the claim and/or specification by the Applicant. Therefore, the Applicant is respectfully requested to have any interview desired in this application prior to the filing of the response to this letter. Applicant is invited to call the Examiner to arrange a time for an interview.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant should specifically point out the support for any amendments made to the disclosure, including the claims (MPEP 714.02 and 2163.06). Due to the procedure outlined in MPEP 2163.06 for interpreting claims, it is noted that other art may be applicable under 35 USC 102 of 35 USC 103(a) once the aforementioned issue(s) is/are addressed.

Applicant is respectfully requested to provide a list of all copending applications that set forth similar subject matter to the present claims. A copy of such copending claims is respectfully requested in response to this Office action if the application is not stored in image format (i.e. the IFW system) or published.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Paul B. Prebilic whose telephone number is (571) 272-4758. He can normally be reached on 6:30-5:00 M-Th.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, McDermott Corrine can be reached on 571-272-4754. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).



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